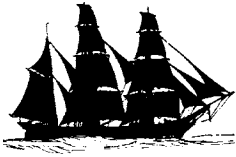


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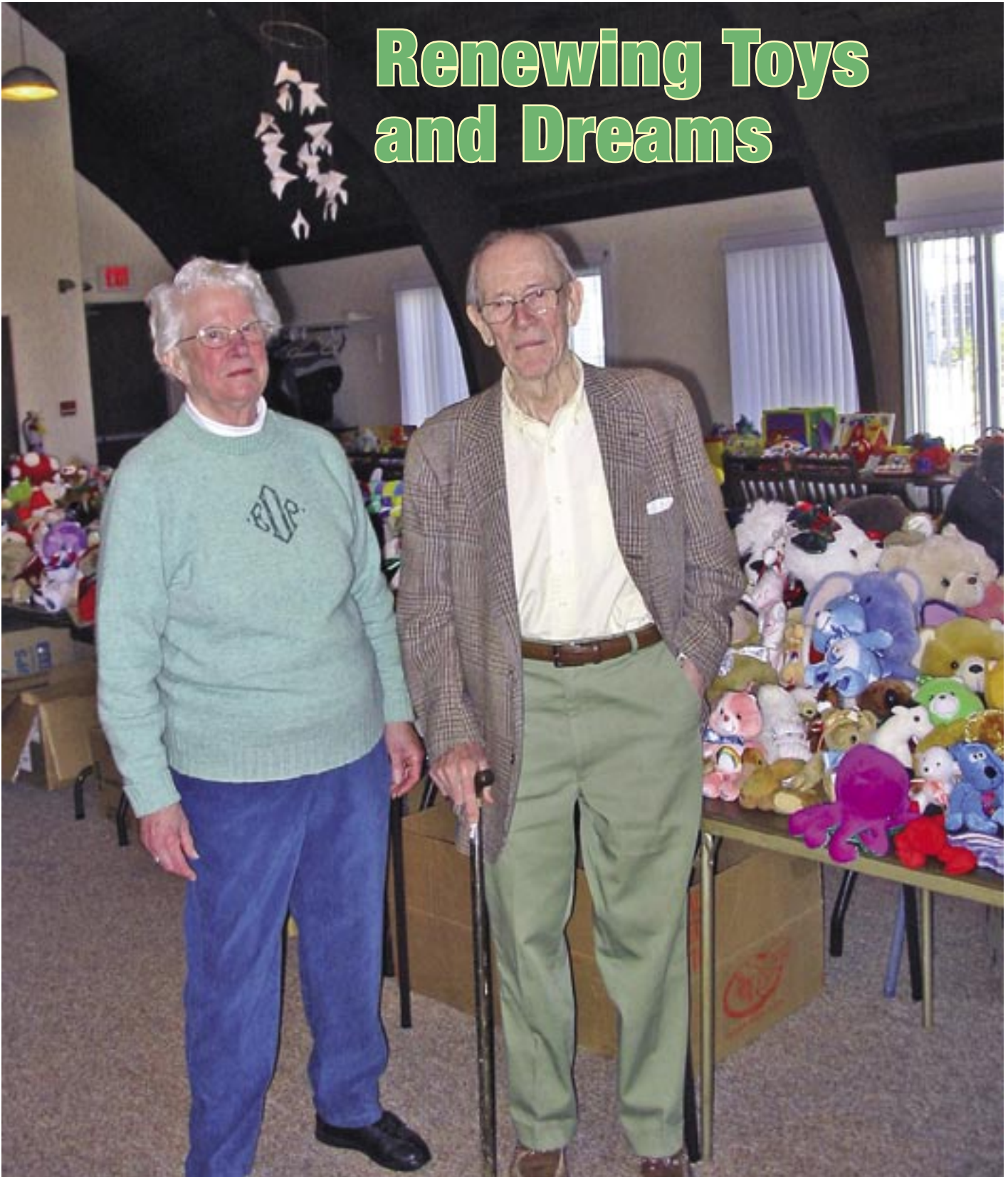
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Gift of Giving
Marion Toy Project Plans Final Year
 By Nancy MacKenzie

This past Saturday, Saint Gabriel's Parish Hall looked like a toy store as Betsy Duncan displayed the stuffed animals, tea sets, games, puzzles, books, and myriad other toys that she and her "elves" have been getting ready for the past year. This year, the toys will be delivered to children as far away as New Orleans in time for Christmas.

For the past 16 years, Ms. Duncan has been orchestrating the Marion Toy Project from her home. All year long, she and her helpers collect used toys from the community and then refurbish them in her home.

"All of the dolls get a bath and their outfits are washed," she said pointing to dozens of Barbies packaged in specially prepared gift boxes. "Each doll gets a couple of outfits, and then I shrink-wrap the box to make it look nice and to keep everything clean," she said. "We try to make them look as good as new."

Amazingly, none of the toys looked even slightly used, a testimony to the hard work of Ms. Duncan and her team. If something is missing or broken, the team always makes it like new, said Ms. Duncan, referring to a giant checker set her son repaired.



Above: Members of the South Coast Community Church welcomed members and new friends to its Thanksgiving Services on Sunday, November 19 at Sippican School in Marion. The service included a three-part play that explained the true meaning of Thanksgiving by retelling the story of Moses and the Israelites' journey through the desert with various members of the congregation playing the roles.

On the cover: Community volunteer Betsy Duncan poses with Hyde Gillette amidst her latest batch of reconditioned toys at Saint Gabriel's Parish Hall in Marion. Ms. Duncan credits Mr. Gillette and her parents with inspiring her to start the Marion Toy Project which she's run for the past 16 years. The annual program, in which volunteers refurbish and renew toys and dolls to be given to needy children for Christmas, will mark its final year this holiday season as Ms. Duncan and her volunteers plan to retire. (Photo by Nancy MacKenzie).

Sadly, this is the last year Ms. Duncan will run the Marion Toy Project because she and her helpers have decided they are ready to retire (several of these hard-working volunteers are now in their eighties). "There is a lot of work involved in this," she explained.

Ms. Duncan modeled her project after a similar one developed by her father and mother out near Chicago.

"During World War II my parents lived in Barrington, Illinois, a small town northwest of Chicago," she said. "They teamed up with Hyde and Marie Gillette to get toys for the inner city kids." She explained that at this time money was scarce and most of the toys were wooden or metal and had to be repainted for the children.

Mr. Gillette, a centenarian, came to Saint Gabriel's to see Ms. Duncan's last display. As he wandered among the fire trucks and Legos, he praised Ms. Duncan for her hard work and dedication.

Each year, area social workers come and collect the toys and distribute them to children around the



Above: Artist Carol LeBeaux will be at the Marion Art Center on Saturday, December 2 to create her unique, hand-cut family heirloom silhouette portraits as part of the Center's holiday events. Appointments for portrait sittings can be made by calling 508-748-1266. (Photo and portraits courtesy of Carol LeBeaux).

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state. Some of the toys make their way to Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard.

Kate McGaffey, a supervisor at the Department of Social Services (DSS) on Cape Cod, said that she takes toys down to clients in the Hyannis area, but there are also people in the tri-town area who receive toys. "We don't want anyone to be left out," she said, adding that "for the past several years, Betsy has personally helped me to get presents for adolescents who are too old for toys. She is a wonderful person."

Ms. Duncan said that when she first started the project she was often overwhelmed and wanted to quit. She thanked Mattapoissett's own benefactor Maurice "Mudgie" Tavares for encouraging her to keep on and for helping her to see the importance of her work. Mr. Tavares often brought toys and wrapping paper to a local prison so that inmates would have a gift for their children, she said.

Sandra Dawson of Marion has been Ms. Duncan's "right-hand lady" for the past 16 years. She explained that in the beginning the group put posters all over town, but now the toys just come in every year with very little prompting.

"It's going to be hard not working on the project," Ms. Dawson said. "We have formed quite a fellowship of older women."

Ms. Duncan said that any further donations will be accepted. She is planning to forward remaining toys to Sandi Vary who organizes the Dick Melloni Toy Drive in Wareham.

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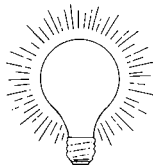
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The Marion Art Center's Holiday Shop will be open from Tuesday through Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm, and on Saturday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and run through December 22.

Some of the first lucky attendees of the Holiday Shops were also fortunate to enjoy Molly's Thanksgiving Tea Party which was held on Saturday, November 18. Based on the American Girl doll and book series, this year's Tea Party featured a musical skit based on the World War II experiences of the fictional Molly and her family. Tea Party guests were encouraged to dress in their finery and bring a favorite doll or stuffed animal. As always, this popular event was enjoyed by all, with each child in attendance able to create and take home a heart-shaped blessing box, perfect to keep as a memento or give as a Thanksgiving holiday gift.

Other upcoming seasonal events on the Marion Art Center calendar include Silhouettes by Carol LeBeaux,



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the Young People's Theater Production of *Wind in the Willows*, and the Marion Holiday House Tour slated for Saturday, December 9.

The Marion Art Center is delighted to welcome Ms. LeBeaux on Saturday, December 2, to create her unique, hand-cut family heirloom portraits. Appointments for portrait sittings can be made by calling 508-748-1266. *Wind in the Willows* follows the adventures of Mole, Rat, and Toad as they picnic, play, and get lost in Wild Wood. This lively tale is fun and engaging for all ages, and reminds us all of the simple pleasures in life. Finally, escape the holiday fray and enjoy the festive holiday decor of some of Marion's loveliest homes with the annual Holiday House Tour on Saturday, December 9. The homes never fail to inspire with their imaginative and beautiful decor and are sure to spark the holiday spirit.

Gift of Thanks

ORR Serves Up Feast for Seniors
By Robert Chiarito

The eighth grade class at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School held its sixteenth annual Thanksgiving Banquet for senior citizens on Sunday, November 19. With help from the school's faculty and volunteers from the school's food service department, the students offered a Thanksgiving meal to over 300 seniors in the tri-town area.

The event, which started at 11:15 am on Sunday morning, found the seniors being greeted in the parking lot by student volunteers and members of the school staff. The students acted as guides for their guests as they escorted each arrival to the cafeteria. Once there, the seniors were greeted once again by a corps of friendly and smiling young people eager to take their coats and help the diners to their tables. Once seated, the seniors were served a full holiday feast with all the trimmings.

For the students, the day was a lesson in community service and giving of oneself for the good of others. For the seniors, the day was a chance to share a beautiful meal with friends old and new in a warm and welcoming environment.

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Ms. Conlon went on to add, "We will be serving about 300 people here at the school today and we'll also deliver 36 more meals to those who wanted to participate but were unable to attend."

Students decorated the hall the day before the celebration. Each table was set for a formal dinner with a place setting for each invited guest and a fall harvest centerpiece to mark the occasion. Approximately 30 student volunteers acted as wait staff for the day serving beverages, meals and desserts throughout the day. Other



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"I can't believe this ... it is all so nice," one of the seniors told her server." Turning to the rest of the members of her table she added, "They are all so cute, aren't they?"

A steady flow of conversation between the kids and their new friends filled the cafeteria throughout the meal. The seniors thanked their hosts with both their words and more than a few hugs.

One of the students said, "This is fun. It is just our way of being a part of the community. This is really what Thanksgiving means to me."

Gift of Service

South Coast Church Gives Thanks

By Robert Chiarito

The South Coast Community Church opened its doors to welcome members and new friends to its Thanksgiving Services on Sunday, November 19. The announcement for the day's service promised, "this is not your average Sunday Service," offering worshippers a chance to hear the message of Thanksgiving in an updated version geared towards today's culture.

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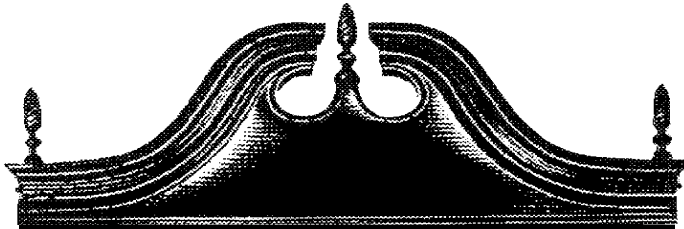


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The congregation was called to worship not by the dirge of an old organ but rather by the sounds of an eight-piece pop band singing the Lord's Prayer. The verses of each hymn were projected on the screen allowing the congregation to sing along without the aid of a hymnal.

When the music closed, attention returned to the screen where a video showing a stressed-out dad trying to record the perfect holiday message was playing. Try as he might, the dad just could not find a way to get everything just right. This parable, filled with humor and a healthy dose of reality, was very easy to identify with.

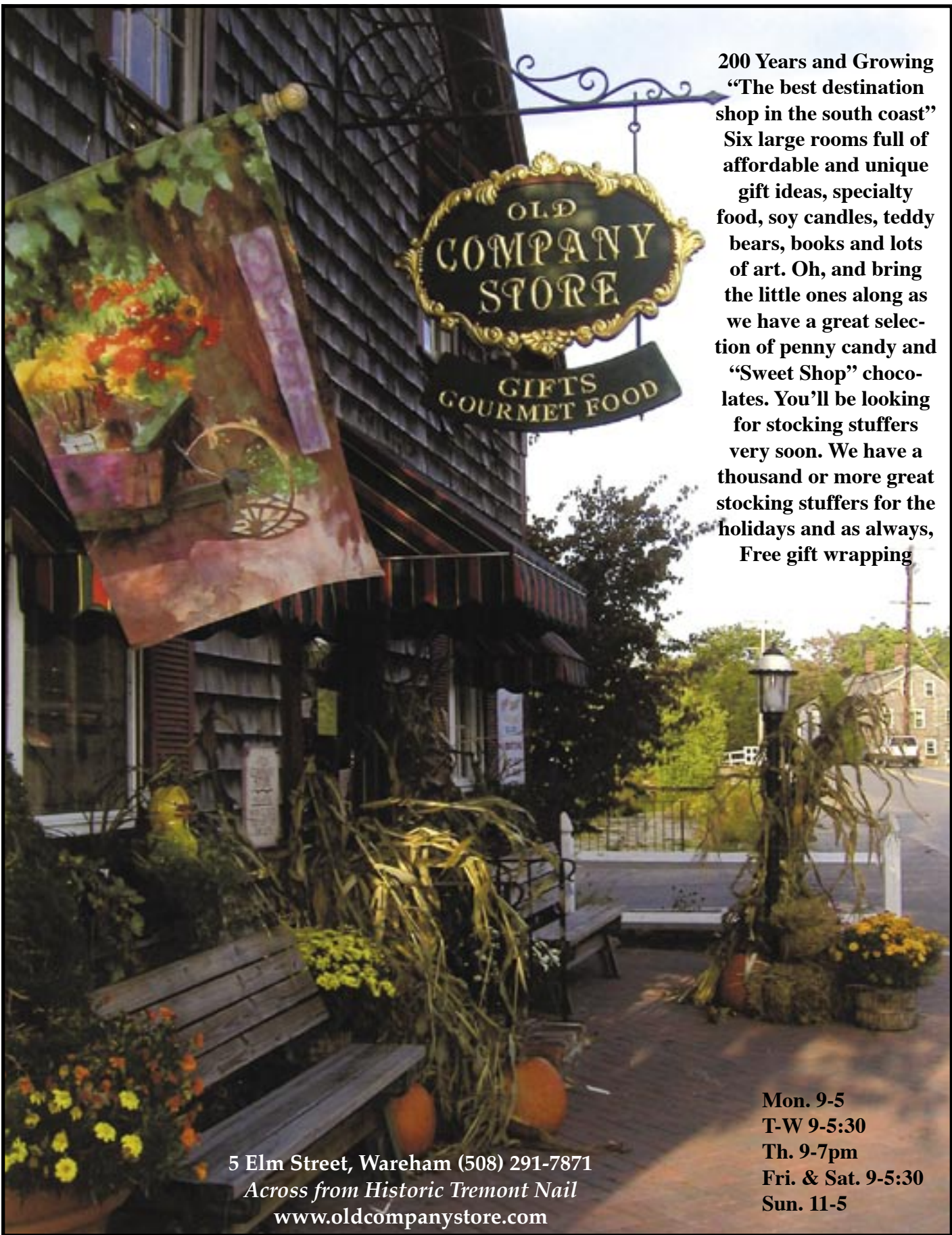
"We've all been there, right?" Pastor Taylor asked. The Pastor then lead his church through a service that was both modern and traditional at the same time. The message of God delivered for the people of the 21st Century. As the service continued, members of the congregation played roles in a three-part play that explained the true meaning of Thanksgiving by retelling the story of Moses and the Israelites' journey through the desert as a play, a silent movie and an opera. The use of humor in the service made for a very open service that spoke to everyone attending. Small children and adults laughed and clapped

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The casual atmosphere of the service enhanced the day's sermon without diminishing the seriousness of Pastor Taylor's message. His calm and reassuring voice offered hope in today's confusing and fast-paced world. At the end of the sermon the congregation left the hall to join with one another for refreshments and more coffee.

No, this was not your average church service, it was a new and refreshing voice delivering a message of hope and fellowship. The South Coast Community Church invites everyone to join them each Sunday at 10:00 am at Sippican School in Marion. For more information about the church and its services, you can e-mail Pastor Taylor at cidney@comcast.net.

Marion Selectmen's Meeting

November 20-21, 2006

By Kenneth J. Souza

The Marion Board of Selectmen held special meetings on Monday, November 20 and Tuesday, November 21 at 7:00 pm each evening to interview three semifinalists for the position of Town Administrator. Present were Selectmen Chairman Andrew Jeffrey, Selectman Jonathan Henry, Selectman Roger Blanchette, and Interim Town Administrator Julia Enroth-Whitlock.

The board first interviewed **Paul Dawson**. Mr. Dawson is currently the Town Clerk and also Assistant Town Manager in the Town of Stoughton, MA, where he

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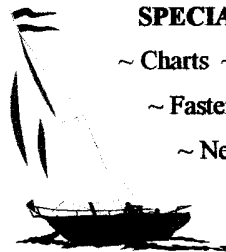
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Mr. Dawson was first asked how he would establish an effective working relationship with the Board of Selectmen.

"I completely understand the role of Town Administrator is to implement the policies adopted by the Board of Selectmen," Mr. Dawson said. "Over the course of many years I've really had what I consider a strong ability to work well across a wide spectrum of elected boards. (Town government), at times, tends to be a natural tug of war, (so) it's important to keep the lines of communication open. Communication is a key (component)."

Asked how accessible he would be to the general public and the town's various department heads, Mr. Dawson noted:

"I believe in open lines of communication ... especially when you tend to disagree, you need to hear those different points of view. It really is critically important to open those lines of communication and keep them open. To do that, you need to reach out to the (various) boards and departments in town — whether they be elected, ap-

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Of his management style, Mr. Dawson said:

"Obviously I know from experience that the Town Administrator doesn't always agree with the Board of Selectmen. But, ultimately, the Town Administrator's role is to implement the policies that the board adopts. If I had to describe my management style, it would be participatory. You need to be proactive ... reach out to groups and understand their concerns."

Mr. Dawson said that working together is a key to effective town government.

"I believe in working together to the extent that it's possible as a team ... there is a chain of command as



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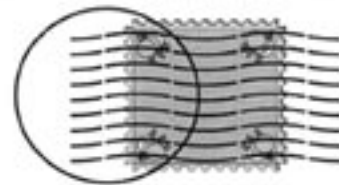
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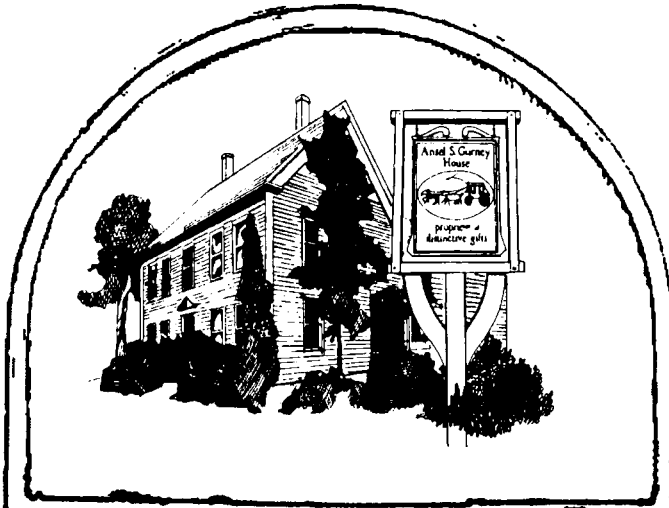
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to how things need to be done, but everyone should have something to contribute. In Stoughton we brought in all the departments to rework the budget when lottery aid was withdrawn. It wasn't easy and services were cut, but people felt good about it because they were involved in the process."

As for fiscal management and budget planning, Mr. Dawson said:

"The first order of business would be the establishment of a capital reserve plan and determining the (town's) use of Free Cash. These are things that would be of immediate concern to me. The board needs to set policies with regard to cash flow ... and reserves are really important."

When asked about dealing with personnel matters and contract negotiations, Mr. Dawson said he has actively been involved with negotiating contracts in Stoughton.

"I've dealt with nine different labor unions. We've been very proactive with trying to find new ways to approach the contracts. We try to (stress that) for every action there is a reaction, for every proposal there is an additional cost. It's more than just so much an hour ... the town is absorbing a large part of (employee benefits), too."

Selectman Henry asked Mr. Dawson to provide examples of some past lessons learned.

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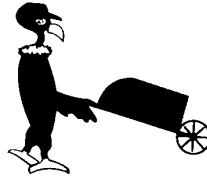
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there really needs to be an understanding of the problem and you really need to include (town departments) in the process. Things can get pretty rocky if you don't involve the affected boards and commissions from the get-go. It becomes a turf war. The school of hard knocks has taught me that communication, dialogue and inclusion in the process is important. Good government is like a chain, it's only as strong as its weakest link."

Asked how he's dealt with town matters as reflected in the press, Mr. Dawson noted:

"The press, to me, is as important as the Board of Selectmen, as important as the Board of Assessors. It's very important to be as open and honest with (residents). Obviously, there are times when matters are sensitive and you have to learn how to deal with them (in the press, but) I've worked well with them."

When asked what his first task would be if hired as Marion's Town Administrator, Mr. Dawson said:

"What I'd really want to do is to start and get to know the people (in Town Hall) and people in town. I need to understand the players in town and how things work. I'd want to spend some time getting to know the people. I can only do a good job if I understand where everyone is coming from."

The board next interviewed Phyllis Marshall. Ms. Marshall is currently Treasurer/Collector with Water-town, MA, where she also previously served as both Assistant Town Manager and procurement officer. "I've been



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involved with construction projects, worked with the Connecticut Resource Authority, negotiated contracts for fixed-price electrical service, worked on the Finance Committee, and worked as purchasing agent," Ms. Marshall said.

Asked what her working relationship with the Board of Selectmen would entail, Ms. Marshall said:

"I think it's important to share a lot of documentation and share it with dialogue. It's not always possible to get everyone to agree, but you can get their input. There are always people who feel their concerns (aren't) appropriately addressed, but it may not be the best for the community as a whole. I think it's important that sharing goes both ways."

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When asked how accessible she'd be to both the public and various town boards, Ms. Marshall offered:

"I think it's key to be very accessible. People need to know that they can have that contact, that their opinions are going to be treated straightforward (and) with respect. If department heads don't feel they have the ability to communicate when there are issues, they might stop. If the board has an issue or concern and the Town Administrator is not available, it can be very aggravating and create some gaps (in town government). There needs to be an open door policy ... I think it's critical to bringing the community to a place where it's responsive to the people."

Asked her thoughts on fiscal management and the budget process, Ms. Marshall said:

"The starting place is to look at your current budget in detail. Sometimes you can see a pattern there where you need to rethink and evaluate it in a different way. Nobody likes to amend their budget ... but if you put those concerns upfront ... you can (make the) decisions that need to be made."

Ms. Marshall said her approach to labor management and union relations is not all that different from her overall management philosophy.

"I work hard to be consistent and reliable and follow-through on what I've started. When I make a commitment, I stick with it. When I propose something for a budget, it's my commitment to carry it through. I think if you ask people, they'd say I'm a straight-shooter and I won't make promises that I can't keep. I think accountability is everything. If I'm saying this is my best effort, I expect yours as well."

Although she didn't see any problems with transitioning from Watertown to Marion, Ms. Marshall did say there would be immediate issues that needed to be

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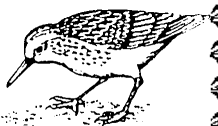
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Asked of her personal strengths and weaknesses, Ms. Marshall offered:

"I do have my standards, and sometimes I have to step back and say: is this a realistic standard for this situation and is this fair? I tend to be overanalytical and sometimes I spend too much time trying to decide whether I can do a job or not. But this is a job where you have many tasks and you need to get the job done."

When questioned what past lessons she's learned from previous work experience, Ms. Marshall said:

"The most important thing has been dealing with the various people. I've dealt with contractors, architects, lawyers, elected officials, appointed officials, the general public — I just think every experience I've had has taught me something. It's important to know when to push and when to let go. I think at every level (of government), that's really the kind of experience I've had. It's taught me a lot about consensus-building and communicating. You have to be able to say, 'I'm sorry but the answer is still no.' And you have to understand why the answer is no, too."

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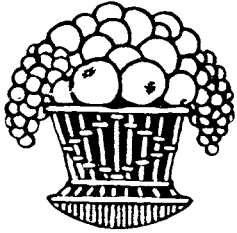
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"My goal at the end of my (military) career was to get involved in government at some level," Mr. Plant said. "Unfortunately, what happened when I came back to Massachusetts was the federal experience didn't translate well into (local) government. I got involved in government in North Attleboro, where I was living at the time. I worked on the Police Station Building Committee, the Finance Committee and then served two terms with the

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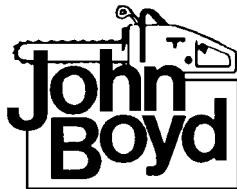
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Having been Town Administrator in Rockland for the past five years, Mr. Plant said he felt it was time to move on.

"The reason I'm looking to leave Rockland is it's a tough community with a five-member Board of Selectmen and it's been a difficult five years. It's been rewarding, too, we've made a lot of strides there, but I think it's time for me to take on a new challenge."

Asked how he would establish an effective working relationship with the Board of Selectmen, Mr. Plant said:

"Having been a Selectman myself, I sort of understand what you're up against. I look at it as a team concept. I see the Town Administrator as a team facilitator, if you will. Information flow is probably the most important thing — to keep the board informed. Because when things go badly, the Board of Selectmen takes the heat."

When asked how accessible he would be to the public and other town employees, Mr. Plant said:

"I have an open door policy. My door is always open ... I think that's critical. I (also) like to get out and about in town. You need to become part of the community. I always try to remind people that it's called 'public service,' and if it wasn't for the *public*, we wouldn't be here."

Mr. Plant added the various town boards and committees are welcome to come to him with ideas and concerns at any time.

"I talk to the Conservation Commission, the Planning Board, (and) the Zoning Board of Appeals pretty frequently. Generally, if they ask me to attend one of their meetings, I will. But I don't like them to think I'm spying or checking up on them, either. I generally attend all the

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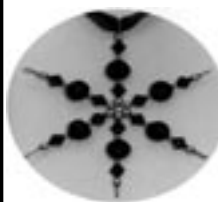
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Finance Committee meetings. I think, all in all, I have a
good relationship with the appointed boards and commit-
tees and also with the elected officials in Town Hall."

Questioned about his fiscal planning skills and
experience with developing budgets, Mr. Plant said:

"We're in the middle of the budget process right
now (in Rockland). Budget decisions are based on revenue
projections and department heads submit their budget
requests to me (each year). This year, they've been told it's
probably going to be a level-funded year. (The FinCom)
had a tendency to not have a balanced budget coming out
of the Annual Town Meeting. They always figured they
could make adjustments at the fall Special Town Meeting.
That always made me very nervous. It caught up with
them this year and it's really not wise (to do)."

Asked what his experience is in dealing with per-
sonnel issues and contract negotiations, Mr. Plant noted:

"I've probably negotiated 15 or so contracts. It's
probably the one part of the job that I least like. It can be
very divisive at times. The only union I've really had dif-
ficulty with is the International Association of Fire Fight-
ers (IAFF). They are difficult to negotiate with. But we've
managed to come to terms."

Selectman Henry asked how Mr. Plant feels the
transition from Rockland to Marion would proceed.

"I don't foresee any problems. It's just a matter of
getting to know the people, the town, the issues that mat-
ter," he said. "In my experience in the Army, you learn you

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don't want to do too much at first — you don't want to upset the apple cart, so-to-speak."

Of his personal strengths and weaknesses, Mr. Plant offered:

"I think my best qualities are my leadership abilities, my problem-solving skills, and my sense of humor — which in this business if you don't have a sense of humor, you're in trouble. And a sense of loyalty. On the downside, I sometimes have a temper and get a little frustrated, and I show it. But it's something I'm working on."

Asked what lessons he's learned from past job experiences, Mr. Plant said:

"As time's gone on, I've learned to be a little less controlling. In the Army I was a micromanager and

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I wanted to be involved in everything. But I've since learned to assess folks and learn to trust them (and delegate) authority. I'm also learning to not say too much — I sometimes have a tendency to talk too much."

The board unanimously voted to have all three return for final follow-up interviews and Chairman Andrew Jeffrey said the board's goal is to, hopefully, have a new Town Administrator in place by January 1, 2007.

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November 15, 2006

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lectmen was called to order on Wednesday, November 15 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Bradford N. Morse. Also present were Selectman Richard Nunes, Selectman Dan A. McGaffey, and Town Counsel Blair Bailey. Town Administrator James Huntoon and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere were not present for the meeting.

The purpose of this meeting was to interview the three final candidates for the position of Town Administrator. According to Town Counsel Blair Bailey, the board initially received some 26 applications for the slot now held by James Huntoon. They narrowed that field down to 11 semifinalists and ended up doing initial interviews with eight of those over a two-week period. Those interviews resulted in three finalists who were each being interviewed tonight for a second time.

The board first met with **David Gerwatowski of New Bedford, MA.**

Mr. Gerwatowski served on the New Bedford City Council for eight years; was Chairman of the Council's Finance Committee for five years; has served as Counsel to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means; currently owns and operates his own law practice in New Bedford; and is the current Legislative Counsel to the New Bedford City Council.

When asked why he sought the Town Administrator's position in Rochester, Mr. Gerwatowski noted:

"It's pretty much been 20 years now that I've been (working) in government. It's not only the big things that

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you can accomplish, but it's the small, subtle things that you can do on a daily basis that impact people's lives. It's motivating to me and I enjoy that type of work. Especially in a region that I care about."

When asked to cite his strengths and weaknesses, Mr. Gerwatowski said:

"My strength is that I'm decisive and confident in the decisions that I make. I acquire the information that's necessary to make a reasonable and valid choice in whatever is it that (I'm) doing. I think people over time that know me (can) see that. I don't do things (based) on knee-jerk reactions. A weakness is that I always want things to be done the way that I do it. I've learned to realize that as long as someone is doing something that is efficient and

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suits (them), it's okay."

Asked to offer some suggestions or ideas he'd like to implement in Rochester, Mr. Gerwatowski said:

"I think one thing I would like to see done is (more) use of local universities and student internships. When I was a student at UMass Dartmouth, I was a student of government and really wanted to get involved."

When asked how he would approach the annual budget process in Rochester, Mr. Gerwatowski noted:

"You need to get a handle on fiscal management (and) need to put the policies in place ... (to) give the departments the parameters they can work under and, hopefully, submit them to the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen within those parameters. The budget is a continuing, cycling process ... it doesn't begin or end with Town Meeting. (The board) doesn't have six to ten hours a day to devote to budgeting ... that's why you have a Town Administrator."

As Rochester grows, so does the need for fine-tuning its by-laws. To that end, Mr. Gerwatowski offered:

"I'd consult immediately with Town Counsel to see what his view was on (them) ... then I'd notify the Board of Selectmen and bring (a proposal) before Town Meeting. You try to put the pieces together to make it easier for people who ultimately make (that) decision. The Building Department has the expertise on why (by-law changes) would be necessary ... not necessarily me."

When asked what makes a good Town Adminis-



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trator, Mr. Gerwatowski said:

"A good Town Administrator is someone who understands the workings of town government and understands that people all work together. You have to establish relationships and a sense of trust with them. What is critical is that people respect and trust what you're doing. If they don't trust you or think you're fair, they'll stay away from you. It's (also) important to listen to people. People have legitimate concerns and they want to be listened to and want to be heard. I think it's keeping that open mind and keeping an even-hand, that's the critical piece of (being a good Town Administrator)."

At 7:45 pm the board met with **Peter Graczykowski of Longmeadow, MA.**

Mr. Graczykowski currently works as Project Manager with the Finance Division for the City of Springfield, MA; he also sits on the Board of Assessors in his hometown of Longmeadow; and he previously worked as Marketing and Key Account Coordinator with the Electric Light Department in the City of Chicopee, MA. He also holds a law degree and has been admitted to practice in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

When asked how he would deal with potentially controversial issues, Mr. Graczykowski said:

"I have been put in the position many times where I've had to deal with hot-button issues. The most recent one being the ongoing saga of trash fees in the City of Springfield. We're now facing a public relations (prob-

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lem) with all the businesses. I've been working to get the word out to the press, trying to deal with the situation. In dealing with the City of Chicopee, we also had to develop a strategy for people to deal with complaints ... and now, of course, in Longmeadow I've been dealing with taxpayers who are upset about their tax bills. We just went to 100 percent evaluation."

Since the Town Administrator in Rochester is also the town's chief procurement officer, Mr. Graczykowski was asked about long-range capital planning:

"In the City of Springfield we established a Capital Planning Committee drawing on the experience from the department heads (who) had the most to say. We built out a five-year Capital Plan for the City of Springfield ...

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this year, alone, the expenditures are well over \$5 million. It's now becoming a permanent fixture of the budget process (and) a lot of it isn't being funded through regular appropriations. You can do it either through grants or by bonding."

As the "go to" person in Rochester Town Hall, Mr. Graczykowski was asked how he'd manage the various town departments:

"I'm a consensus builder. I like to make sure that everyone has a vested piece of the project they're working on. I will explain to them that by helping the town, they will be helping their own cause. A lot of times people have other ideas that they think are better. Most of the time there is some sort of a compromise that you can work out ... something in the middle that still works. You can't simply say 'do it my way.'"

With a part-time Board of Selectmen, Mr. Graczykowski was asked how he'd handle the daily decisions that need to be made in their absence:

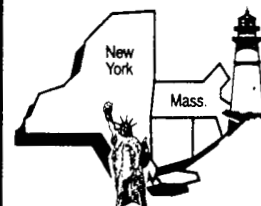
"The day-to-day management of the town should be handled by the Town Administrator. Anything that (seems a) high risk or (has) a big financial impact, should be brought to (the Board of Selectmen). As far as being the 'go to' guy, I'm confident taking on that position. Sometimes it's simpler to say 'let's do more research and I'll get back to you.' There's no reason to answer someone in the next five minutes."

One area that will require the Town Administrator's immediate attention is the updating and implementation of the town's Personnel By-Laws. To that end, Mr.

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Graczykowski offered:

"I helped develop the performance evaluations in Chicopee. With the non-union employees, it basically came down to merit-based raises based on goals and objectives. People were rewarded based on how they accomplished their goals and objectives. In Springfield it's a much bigger challenge ... there's not a lot of morale there ... (since) union contracts were broken."

Having dealt with mostly larger communities, Mr. Graczykowski was asked what he could bring to a small town like Rochester:

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At 8:30 pm the board met with **Richard LaCamera of Lakeville, MA.**

Mr. LaCamera has served on the Board of Selectmen in neighboring Lakeville since 1992. He has also served on that town's Finance Committee and has collectively over 24 years' of government experience. He has extensive experience in accounting, software sales and marketing and currently works as Senior Account Executive with NSB Retail/STS Systems, a Retail Enterprise Software Solutions Company.

When asked why he is interested in becoming Rochester's Town Administrator, Mr. LaCamera said:

"I look at (Lakeville and Rochester) and we've both experienced problems in dealing with the same things — growth, 40B applications — and I feel the experience I've gotten over the years both with the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen can greatly benefit Rochester. I've hired two Town Administrators in the Town of Lakeville (so) I understand the responsibilities and the expectations of the Board of Selectmen."

Asked how he'd approach long-range capital planning, Mr. LaCamera said:

"(In Lakeville) we looked at each capital item and we put a life expectancy on each. Then we set up a plan to replace them every three to five years. If you look at the cost of the present value of a piece of equipment, it's actually cheaper to do that (on a regular basis). The most important thing about the capital plan is it's all documented on a rolling, five-year basis. If you didn't have a capital plan, someone could just come in and say 'I need a new highway truck.' What this does is it disciplines the department heads into planning ahead. It's worked out very well because before we start the budget process,



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to decide what the priorities are. We just set our (budget) priorities in Lakeville. We categorized them as high, medium and low. We realize not everything can be funded ... it's give and take (and) when you're talking about a \$15 million budget, it's not a lot. I've been there, done that."

When asked about some problems he's encountered in Lakeville, Mr. LaCamera said:

"We now have a Planning Committee. The reason we have a Planning Committee is the boards don't communicate with each other. The problems are the same everywhere. We had a situation with our by-laws (being) vague in a lot of situations. We had Kopelman and Paige review our by-laws and make recommendations for changes. If you look at our Master Plan, we tried to identify the ones that were most important. Once again, it's just a matter of communication."

As for updating and fine-tuning Rochester's Personnel By-Laws, Mr. LaCamera offered:

"I actually implemented a Personnel Board under the Finance Committee in Lakeville. Our Personnel Board consists of a member of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator, and representatives of the various departments because we felt they'd understand the needs of (town employees). One of the first things we did was to make sure all positions had a job description."

Asked what Rochester's biggest challenges are for the future, Mr. LaCamera said:

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how to meet next year’s budget. You need to look at two to three years out. I understand town government, I understand town finances. I’ve had experience dealing with land developers in the Town of Lakeville ... and I think I have the experience to work in that environment.”

After completing the interviews, the Board of Selectmen deliberated the merits of each candidate in Open Session.

“I think all three candidates were very knowledgeable and they all had their own unique qualities,” Selectman Nunes said. “With that said, as far as I’m concerned, Mr. LaCamera is very experienced. He’s had municipal experience, he’s worked with the Finance Committee ... he’s done everything we’ve done. You just have



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to look at where the Town Hall is at this point. Do we want to bring someone in who needs (time) to grow, or do we want someone to come in and do the job immediately?"

"I agree," said Selectman McGaffey. "The other two candidates offered skills which are certainly interesting, but concrete municipal experience is (key). I am just so pleased with the caliber of candidates we had to (consider)."

"My vote is with the same person ... and I think he fits with Rochester," Chairman Morse added. "I noticed a lot of his comments were 'we,' referring to Lakeville ... but we're facing the same issues. We're a team and we're all trying to accomplish the same goals."



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With that, the board unanimously voted to enter into negotiations to contract with Richard La Camera for the position of full-time Town Administrator to take over for the retiring James Huntoon. If he accepts, it is expected that Mr. LaCamera's tenure will begin on or before January 1, 2007.

Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

November 20, 2006

By Eletha M. Yeaton

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, November 20 at 7:00 pm by Chairman pro tem Richard Nunes. Also present were Selectman Dan A. McGaffey and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere. Selectman Bradford N. Morse and Town Administrator James Huntoon were not present for the meeting.

The board first met with Town Clerk Naida Parker, representatives of the Council on Aging (COA), and Police Chief Paul Magee concerning the traffic flow and parking problems at the recent statewide election. There was an excellent 66 percent voter turnout for the election and the town is growing, so Ms. Parker envisions a recurring situation every two years. It was suggested that the land belonging to the town behind the Dexter Lane ballfield be graveled over and used for overflow parking. This area between the ballfield and the Rochester Senior Center was originally designed to serve as overflow park-

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ing for the center which only has 36 spots available.

Ms. Parker asked that she and Chief Magee be given permission by the board to speak to the Park Commission about this project which was granted. In addition, she suggested that for the presidential election in 2008, a satellite parking lot be utilized with a shuttle bus to the polls. Also it would be advisable to publicize through ORCTV Public Access Cable TV and *The Wanderer* a one-way plan for ingress and egress to the polling place and the parking lot locations. The board approved the ideas as presented.

The next agenda item was a request Town Treasurer Naida Parker to receive permission from the Board of Selectmen to borrow a short-term loan from the Stabilization Fund to pay the bills for the Old Rochester Regional High School and Old Colony Regional Vocational High School assessments. Permission was granted and the formal authorization was signed. The tax bills will probably go out by November 29 and the necessary revenue will be reimbursed to the Stabilization Fund.

The board then signed all the Alcohol Beverage Control Commission (ABCC) License Renewals for businesses in the town after assurance from Chief Magee that there were no violations or problems with any establishments. Then they signed the Biennial County Commissioners Election Certification as prepared by Ms. Parker. The final required signature was to approve a revised agreement between the Town of Rochester and Old



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Rochester Community Television (ORCTV) Inc. for Public, Educational and Government (PEG) Access programming to include a new contract with Verizon in addition to the already-approved contract with Comcast for PEG services.

- Under correspondence for the week, the board:
- Received a letter from ORR School Superintendent Dr. William Cooper concerning the FY08 Budget meetings to be held on December 14 at 6:30 pm in the Old Rochester Regional High School Library. A follow-up session has been scheduled for March 1, 2007 at 6:30 pm also in the ORR High School Library.
 - Received a letter from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) noting that Rochester has been awarded a Municipal Waste Reduction Grant of \$534. Rochester will receive 1,976 consumer education mailers.

It was noted that a Planning Board Public Hearing will be held on November 28 at 7:15 pm in the Rochester Town Hall Conference Room regarding a special permit for a 115-Lot Flexible Development. The property is located between High Street and Ryder Road. The Plan and Application are on file at the Rochester Town Hall Annex.

- Under Old Business, the board discussed:
- Renewal of a contract with the Town of Lakeville regarding the shared Animal Shelter, which was passed unanimously.
 - A request for extension of a water line from Marion for a proposed 115-lot development should be decided upon at their next meeting.
 - A notice from the Town of Mattapoisett concerning their planned Sesquicentennial Celebration Parade on August 4, 2007. This will be forwarded to the Police and Highway Departments.



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Under New Business, the board received a letter from a resident concerning the Rochester Memorial School Building Committee which has been forwarded to the Chairman of the Building Committee.

In addition, Police Chief Paul Magee had several items to discuss. He noted that he has received a complaint about people living in a trailer and/or a tent. He has forwarded the complaint to the Board of Health and the Building Inspector for their investigation into the matter.

A further matter of concern is a seniority issue within the Police Department. In 2004, two police officers were appointed to full-time status, and there is a question of seniority. He has referred the issue to the Rochester Police Brotherhood, but they declined to take a position. Chief Magee felt it would be best to reconcile the issue using a random drawing between the two officers. He felt that this is only fair in this particular instance, and he has notified the union of his intention. Chief Magee wants to put this on the agenda for the next Selectmen's meeting.

To prevent this from being a problem in the future, Chief Magee will draw up a proposal for seniority and present it to the Police Brotherhood for their approval. The Selectmen agreed that this would be the fairest way to reconcile the issue at this time and will place it on their agenda.

Finally, Chief Magee reported that late that afternoon he received a complaint on the Estabrook Property

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with what appears to be some documentation and pictures. He is advising the Selectmen that a complaint will be coming before the board and he will investigate the matter this week and report back to the board. There is currently an animal restraining order in force by the town.

The board announced they will meet solely in Executive Session on Tuesday, November 21 to discuss contract negotiations.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they voted unanimously to adjourn for the evening at 7:35 pm.

Sports Shorts

By Robert Chiarito

For the **Old Rochester Regional High School Boys Soccer Team** the end of the season came down to this: penalty kicks. After playing Lynnfield High School to a 1-1 draw through regulation play and two 10-minute overtime periods, the Bulldogs were forced into a shoot-out of penalty kicks to determine which team would advance to the finals of the state tournament. That is where the season ended for ORR, losing the penalty kick phase 3-1 to Lynnfield.

Although the outcome was disappointing for the Bulldogs, the team had to be proud of its late season surge and run through the playoffs as they claimed the MIAA Division 3 Championship on their way to the state semifinals match in Lynn on Tuesday, November 14.



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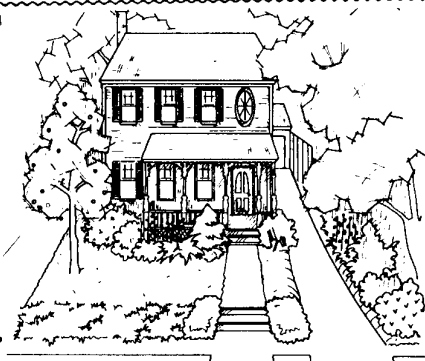


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Timmy Mathews scored the Bulldogs' lone goal during regulation at the 61-minute mark to force the game into overtime. Gary Lawrence scored the team's only penalty kick goal as Lynnfield goalkeeper Patrick Hurley made consecutive stops giving the Pioneers the win.

With many of the teams top players returning next season the future looks bright for the ORR Soccer team. Congratulations to Head Coach Mike Devoll and his team on a fine season. The Bulldogs final record for the season was 13-7-4.

On Saturday, November 11 the ORR Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams competed at the MIAA Division 3 Eastern Massachusetts State meet held at Franklin Park in Boston. The girls, lead by Tiffany Rozenas' time



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of 21 minutes 53 seconds, finished the meet in 17th place. **Jared Dourdeville** was the quickest to the tape for the boys as he finished with a time of 18 minutes and 5 seconds to lead the Bulldogs to a 23rd place finish in the 39 team field.

All other teams were inactive for ORR this past week as the seasons for fall sports wrapped up their state tournaments. The **ORR Football Team** will finish their season with a Thanksgiving Day game at Apponequet High School. Kickoff for the contest is scheduled for 3:30 pm.


Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School saw their fall sports schedule come to a close on Saturday, November 18 with a 20-14 loss to Tri-County Technical High School. **Mike Ricardo** rushed for 61-yard and a touchdown on 11 carries to lead the Cougars offense. Old Colony finished the season with a record of 2-8. **Rochester Bulldogs**

The **Rochester Bulldogs** are a new travel basketball team that includes fifth grade boys from the tri-town area. The team has gone 6-0 in their first two tournaments.

On November 11 and 12, the boys played in the **First Annual Fox-West Fall Basketball Tournament** in Foxboro. The boys opened the weekend up against Walpole they won by the score of 71-32 followed that up with a great game against the host team Westwood winning by the score of 54-34 and then closed out the tournament on Sunday by beating Franklin 52-12.

This past weekend the boys played in the **Mass Premier Youth Invitational in Mansfield** on November 18 and 19. The Bulldogs started the weekend off against Taunton with a score of 86-4, and the boys held Taunton scoreless in the first half with a great trap defense. They followed that game up Saturday afternoon with a 84-32 win against Needham. On Sunday afternoon the boys

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The team was first formed just three weeks ago and the boys have never formally practiced together previously. Both recent tournaments were fifth grade divisions which is predominantly 11-year-old boys. The Bulldogs carried two nine-year-olds; four ten-year-olds; and three 11-year-olds. The boys' next tournament will be

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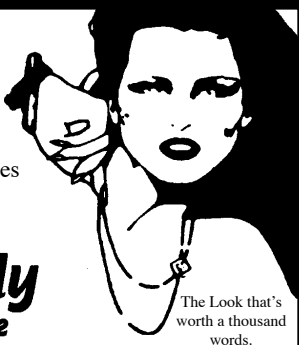
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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

On Wednesday, November 15 at 7:30 pm, the ORR Drama Club presented a preview of their production *The Matchmaker* to the tri-town Councils on Aging (COAs). We offer our sincere, enthusiastic thanks to all who worked so hard to offer such a gem. We were all very impressed with several lengthy monologues which were delivered with perfect timing and not a single "er," "um" or "ah."

The costumes, particularly the several beautiful gowns worn by the female stars, made us "oldies" long for the "good old days." The men were also authentic with suspenders!

The four entirely different scenes were accomplished with a revolving stage, minimum fuss and very capable backstage workers.

A loud "thank you" to all in the ORR Drama Club who worked so hard and so long to bring all of us a very memorable evening.

Sincerely,

Susan Schwager, *Marion COA*
Cheryl Randall, *Mattapoisett COA*
Sharon Lally, *Rochester COA*

To the Editor:

The Mattapoisett Congregational Church wishes to acknowledge the following businesses that contributed, either through gift certificates or the gift of items, to our recent Country Harvest Fair. It was their generosity that helped lend to the success of the fair. They are: Ansel S. Gurney House; Artistry Presentations; Brownell Systems; Cerulli's; Coastal Chiropractic Health; David Smith Massage; Earth's Partner, Inc.; Earth

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Sincerely,

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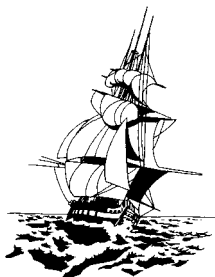
To the Editor:

On October 24 we had a house fire that destroyed our home and all of our belongings. It has been a comfort to Russ and I to know that there are so many people out there who care. We would like to thank all the people who donated their time, equipment, clothes, and money. It is greatly appreciated!

Thanks to the Marion Fire Department; Mattapoisett Fire Department; Rochester Fire Department; Marion Police Department; Mattapoisett Police Department; Rochester Police Department; Plymouth County Sheriff's Office; K-9 Unit; Marion Garage; Marion DPW; Marion Fence Company; Red Cross; Jay Hiller Jr.; Mikey T. Brown; Steve and Whitney Tully; Tully Electric; Darnell and Chris; Mom (Violette Chodi); Rob Defelice; Brad Silva; Matt Silva; Lori Contant; Tim Price; Stuart and Mary Richardson; Saint Vincent de Paul Society; Heather Contant; Hiller Company employees; Murphy's Auto Salvage; Frigate Steak House; Seahorse Wine and Spirits; William Youngson;

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Please forgive me if I have left anyone out. I know so many other people have donated money at several establishments around the surrounding towns.

Thank you,
Gina and Russell Sprague
Marion

To the Editor:

At this time of year when we pause to give thanks, the Marion School Committee wishes to publicly acknowledge and thank two generous organizations: the Sippican Women's Club and the Marion Local Scholarship/Education Fund. These two organizations provided assistance with Kindergarten tuition this year.

As you may know, Sippican School is offering full-day Kindergarten on a tuition basis for the third year now. Full tuition is just under \$3,000 per annum. For those families who qualify under the Massachusetts sliding fee scale for child care, it is somewhat less. However, even with a reduced charge, some families find the cost beyond their means.

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childhood education and also the necessity for early identification and intervention for children with learning difficulties. The Kindergarten curriculum has grown in scope, depth and complexity since Education Reform. Our first grade teachers have found an increase in student readiness to learn to read, write, and deal with numbers in children who have attended all-day Kindergarten. Because of these reasons and others, the Marion School Committee has endorsed the importance of the full-day Kindergarten model — even though half-day Kindergarten is currently what we are required to provide.

Since we believe the full-day Kindergarten is important for all children, we remain concerned about our inability to offer this to everyone due to budget constraints. In keeping with Finance Committee guidelines, making this full-day Kindergarten program a part of our regular school budget would likely require a Proposition 2-1/2 override. The School Committee will explore this option with the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen as we begin the budget process for Fiscal Year '08. While we as taxpayers share the concern with rising property taxes, we believe it is sound educational policy to offer full-day Kindergarten to all of Marion's children without tuition charges.

We are indeed thankful that through the generosity of some of Marion's citizens and civic groups, we have been able to help some needy families over the past three years. However, this is not a guaranteed source of funding. Additionally, we worry that there may be families who, for a variety of reasons, are unwilling or unable to seek such assistance.

We seek the input of Marion citizens in this idea of full-day Kindergarten. Please contact any member of the Marion School Committee or send an e-mail to the Committee secretary: dbright@orr.mec.edu. Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

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Susan S. Grosart, Chairman
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Breaking Bond

By Rob Gonsalves
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Casino Royale. Starring Daniel Craig and Eva Green. Directed by Martin Campbell. Running time: 144 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13.

Bond is back — sort of. In *Casino Royale*, the new “reboot” of the long-running 007 series, the idea is that we’re picking up James Bond (Daniel Craig now) at the start of his double-oh career. So he bleeds, he lets his emotions get in the way, he’s basically a human learning to be inhuman. Abstractly, all of this is interesting, and probably necessary to get away from the bloated decadence that the Bond films had become. But, as it turns out, some of that decadence was *fun*. For whatever reason, the 007 series has been trending away from *fun* since at least the Timothy Dalton days, and now, with *Casino Royale*, there’s virtually no fun left. Congratulations, I guess?

None of this is Daniel Craig’s fault. He’s got the dead-eyed ruthlessness of Bond down pat, and he’s easily the most robust and athletic Bond since Sean Connery. Craig steps into the role with no fuss, and he’s able to carry the emotional weight Bond must shoulder. (There may be no sadder moment in all of the 007 films than this movie’s shot of Bond eating alone in an elegant dining room after his companion has been called away.) Craig looks at ease in the famous tux, and he looks at ease chasing a car on foot, his heavy arms swinging (though he does this maybe one or two times too many). If there are future Bond films that focus more on escapist *fun*, Craig has the physique and the attitude. But this only feels like a Bond film in fits and starts.

The cartoonishness is gone — there’s no supervillain this time, just some guy trying to win a bunch of money at poker so he can finance terrorism. There are no superweapons, no Q with the fancy gadgets (well, John Cleese as “R” had replaced Q; hopefully we’ll see him again). This is a *realistic* spy caper, presumably going back to the Ian Fleming books. And there’s some suave entertainment to be had from watching Bond stare down the bad guy across the poker table. But perhaps the Bond movies had their day, and that day was the ‘60s and ‘70s, when Connery and Roger Moore didn’t dream of taking the movies seriously. (It probably



doesn’t help that the *Austin Powers* series taught a generation to laugh *at* Bond, not *with* him.) When you strip the 007 films down for action and “realism,” you lose the soul of those old beloved Bond movies — they might as well be Jason Bourne movies.

Well, the Bourne movies already grabbed Franka Potente, who would’ve made a great funky Bond girl, and the first *xXx* used Asia Argento (ditto). So what we’re left with, apparently, is the rather wishy-washy Eva Green as an *accountant* who hangs around to make sure Bond doesn’t blow all of MI6’s money at the poker table. Bond falls in love with her because she’s the one person he can’t figure out. Well, he’s young, he’ll learn. Eva Green looks good in smoky black eyeshadow, but she’s a slip of a girl — how does she go to bed with Bond and not break? — and vastly unmemorable even as eye candy. As in the past few Bond films, Judi Dench’s M remains the one woman supremely unimpressed by Bond and therefore the movies’ true heroine.

One sequence near the beginning, with the amazing Sebastien Foucan leading Bond on a merry chase across various cranes, delivers the old-style thrills. The rest of it is brutal punching and shooting, with a genital-torture scene tossed in for variety. We get it: Being a double-oh agent is rough work. But if that’s all the 007 franchise has left to tell us, maybe it needs a reboot less than a Viking funeral. *Casino Royale* may bring Bond back, but it leaves behind a lot of what made Bond Bond — the bigness, the outrageousness, the *fun*. And without those things, there’s really no point to this franchise.

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Deja Vu (PG-13) – 12:45, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40
Tenacious D: The Pick of Destiny (R) – 12:25, 2:45, 5:00, 7:25, 9:55
Happy Feet (PG) – 12:00, 1:00, 2:20, 3:55, 4:40, 7:10, 9:25
Casino Royale (PG-13) – 1:05, 4:00, 6:50, 9:35
Stranger Than Fiction (PG-13) – 1:10, 4:05, 7:10, 9:45
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Saw III (R) – 7:30, 9:50
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Happy Feet (PG) – Thu-Sat: 12:55, 4:15, 7:05, 9:25; Sun-Wed: 12:55, 4:15, 7:05
Casino Royale (PG-13) – Thu-Sat: 1:00, 4:00, 6:55, 9:45; Sun-Wed: 1:00, 4:00, 6:55
Borat (R) – Thu-Sat: 12:45, 2:40, 4:45, 7:20, 9:15; Sun-Wed: 12:45, 2:40, 4:45, 7:20
Santa Claus 3: Escape Clause (G) – Thu-Sat: 12:50, 2:50, 5:00, 7:10, 9:15; Sun-Wed: 12:50, 2:50, 5:00, 7:10
Bobby (R) – Thu-Sat: 1:15, 4:05, 6:50, 9:30; Sun-Wed: 1:15, 4:05, 6:50, 9:30
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The Queen (PG-13) – Thu-Sat: 12:55, 3:55, 7:00, 9:25; Sun-Wed: 3:55, 7:00

Mattapoissett Maconchu Club

The Maconchu Club will hold their annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 9 in Reynard Hall of the Mattapoissett Congregational Church, 27 Church Street in Mattapoissett. They are hoping to make this an old-fashioned Community Christmas Party with everyone invited. The evening will begin with hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 pm, followed by a delicious meal catered by Riccardi's at 6:45 pm. The menu will feature oven fried chicken and sliced roast beef, oven roasted potatoes, garden vegetables, tossed salad, cranberry sauce, crusty rolls and butter, assorted pastries, coffee and punch.

After the meal they will be privileged to be entertained by Sam Dunham, an aspiring young violinist from Marion who studies music at the New England Conservatory of Music, and Michelle Gordon from Mattapoissett on the piano. After their performance, they will lead those attending in a carol sing.

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Rochester Book Signing

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Sippican Book Fair

A great place for holiday shopping is the Scholastic Book Fair that will be held at Sippican School in Marion. Hundreds of books will be available for purchase during the week of December 11 through December 15. The general public is invited to the school to buy books on Tuesday, December 12 and Thursday, December 14 from 3:15 pm until 8:00 pm. Please enter the school through the back door off of Park Street and park in the parking lot at the end of the road.

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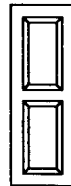
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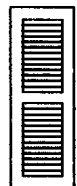


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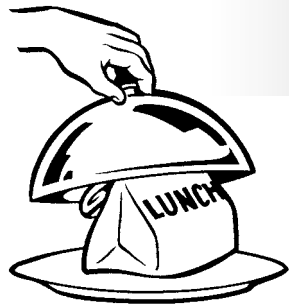
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Wednesday, November 29:
Shaved steak, spicy fries, carrots, pineapple.

Thursday, November 30:
Bacon burger, hamburger, potato puffs, peas, peaches, jello.

Friday, December 1: Pizza, tuna roll, potato chips, mixed vegetables, apple.

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Monday, November 27:
Mexicali chicken with vegetables, Spanish rice, whole wheat bread, mandarin oranges in light syrup.

Tuesday, November 28:
Seafood salad, potato salad, three-bean salad, pita bread, vanilla pudding, sugar-free pudding.

Wednesday, November 29:
Roast pork with apple gravy, whipped sweet potatoes, chopped broccoli, multi-grain roll, birthday cake, graham wafer.

Thursday, November 30:
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Wednesday, November 29: Spaghetti with/without meat sauce, vegetable, bread stick, fruit, choice of milk, tuna sandwich.

Thursday, November 30: Tacos with all the fixings, vegetable, bread stick, fruit, choice of milk, tuna sandwich.

Friday, December 1: Stuffed crust pizza, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk.

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Wednesday, November 29: Sweet Asian chicken, coconut pineapple, cayenne chicken noodles, vegetable, roll, egg, bacon, cheese, biscuit, soup, bagel, peanut butter and jelly.

Thursday, November 30: Meatball sub, potato puffs, vegetable, pizza, chicken pattie, peanut butter and jelly, bagel, soup.

Friday, December 1: Tacos with all the fixings, vegetable, soup, pizza, linguica pattie, peanut butter and jelly, bagel.



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3:00 PM Army Newswatch
3:30 PM Conn Jackson Show
4:00 PM Home for the Holidays Musical Theme
4:15 PM About Public Access TV
4:30 PM F.A.S.T.- Stroke Information from Mattapoissett Police
4:36 PM Tour of a Windplant
5:00 PM ORR JR High Presents: 16th Annual Senior Thanksgiving Dinner
6:00 PM Around the Town with ORCTV
6:30 PM ORR School Committee Meeting - 10/26
8:30 PM Marion Halloween Parade
9:00 PM Penny Dreadful Shilling Shocker

Friday, November 24, 2006

4:00 PM Neighbor to Neighbor with Don Cuddy
5:00 PM The Doctor is In
5:30 PM Swept Away TV
6:00 PM The Story of Jesus: Crucifixion and Resurrection
6:30 PM PACE Monthly

7:00 PM Public Domain Movie: Fast and the Furious
8:15 PM Tap Into Prevention
9:00 PM Friday Night ORR Football

Saturday, November 25, 2006

7-10:30 AM Cartoon Saturday
10:30 AM Ovarian Cancer Awareness
11:00 AM Around BCC
11:30 AM Animation Theater
12:00 PM Jazz with ORR Jazz Band
1:00 PM ORR Film Makers
2:00 PM DMC Presents: Family and Children PT1
3:00 PM DMC Presents: Family and Children PT2
5:30 PM Love Is Not Enough PT1- Dartmouth Medical
6:30 PM Love Is Not Enough PT2 - Dartmouth Medical
7:30 PM Swept Away TV
8:00 PM Veterans Day Service Otis Air National Guard
9:00 PM Penny Dreadful Shilling Shocker
10:30 PM Security in Knowledge
11:00 PM Electronic Theater

Sunday, November 26, 2006

9:00 AM Catch a Vision
10:00 AM Music and The Spoken Word
10:30 AM Conn Jackson Show
11:00 AM Ovarian Cancer Awareness
11:30 AM Around Bristol Community College
12:00 PM Sunday Jazz Brunch with ORR Jazz Band
1:00 PM Christian Motorcycle Fair
1:30 PM Breathing Freely
2:45 PM Tour of a Windplant
3:00 PM LC Savage and Company
3:30 PM Computer Animation Theater
4:00 PM DMC Presents: Family and Children PT1
5:00 PM DMC Presents: Family and Children PT2
6:30 PM ORR Presents Call to Excellence
7:30 PM Marion Halloween Parade
8:00 PM New England Outdoor Living
8:30 PM Computer Animation Theater
9:00 PM Public Domain Movie: The Fast and the Furious

Monday, November 27, 2006

3:30 PM Student Voices- Teen Suicide
4:30 PM ORR Presents Suites-Sweets
4:45 PM Tour of a Windplant
5:00 PM Ovarian Cancer Awareness
5:30 PM Life Under a Wind Turbine
6:00 PM Jeff Perry Report
6:30 PM White House Chronicle
7:00 PM Physician's Focus
7:30 PM P.A.C.E. Monthly
8:00 PM Capitol Perspectives with Senator Edward Kennedy
8:30 PM Commonwealth Report with Senator Pacheco
9:00 PM Polish Hour

Tuesday, November 28, 2006

2:00 PM Soundings
2:30 PM Charles Radville Presents: A Garden Goes to bed
4:00 PM Neighbor to Neighbor with Don Cuddy
4:51 PM Tour of a Windplant
5:00 PM Tap into Prevention
6:00 PM MassTalk
6:30 PM Rochester Selectmen Meeting

7:30 PM Inside the ORR with Superintendent Bill Cooper
8:00 PM Around the Town with ORCTV
8:30 PM Neighbor to Neighbor with: Don Cuddy
9:00 PM ORR Jazz Band

Wednesday, November 29, 2006

3:55 PM Charles Radville Presents: Radville Brothers
4:00 PM Breathing Freely
5:30 PM Introduction to Tai Chi
6:00 PM Army Newswatch
6:30 PM Inside the ORR with Dr. Bill Cooper
7:00 PM The Doctor Is In
8:30 PM New England Outdoor Living

Weekdays throughout month of November:

- 1:00 PM - Community Preservation Meeting from October 25, 2006
- 6:00 PM - Marion Special Town Meeting from October 30, 2006

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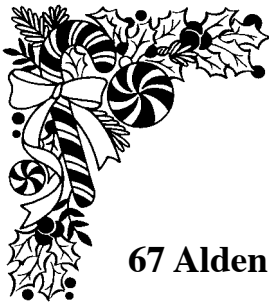
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TRI-TOWN THANKSGIVING



Members of the eighth grade class at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School held their sixteenth annual Thanksgiving Banquet for tri-town senior citizens on Sunday, November 19. With help from the school's faculty and volunteers from the school's food services department, the students offered a homemade Thanksgiving meal to over 300 seniors from Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester with free tickets distributed through the towns' Councils on Aging. For the students, the day was a lesson in community service and giving of themselves for the good of others. For the seniors, the day was a chance to share a beautiful meal with friends, old and new, in a warm and welcoming environment. In addition to the 300 in-house servings, some 36 additional meals were delivered to tri-town shut-ins. (Photos by Robert Chiarito).



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Rochester Library Ceremony

The Trustees of the Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library in Rochester invite the community to attend the Grand Opening Celebration of the newly-renovated library. The event will be held on Saturday, December 2 starting at 9:30 am.

A short presentation will be made by the Board of Library Trustees followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony with former Library Director Olivia Melo; Facilities Manager Michael Meunier; along with Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee members.

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Buyers Beware

By

news@wanderer.com

While out and about running my midweek errands the other day, I came across a sight I hadn't seen in quite a long time.

There, strewn along the sidewalk stretching from the front entrance all the way around the side and back of the local Best Buy store was a line of people waiting — many camping out in sleeping bags and pup tents.

My initial reaction was something akin to nostalgia, as I fondly recalled the “good ol’ days” when I wasted countless similar hours of my then-seemingly-endless day to alternately stand, sit and shuffle in a similar pack of wolves just to be among the first to purchase tickets to a rock concert.

But with the advent of the Internet and online ticket merchants, that bit of brotherhood bonding all but fell by the wayside for me and fellow music fans, to be replaced by mouse-clicking zealots who had learned to hone their lightning-fast purchase skills on eBay.

When I later saw on the evening news that the throng I spied outside of Best Buy was, in fact, waiting to purchase Sony's new overhyped, overpriced, and sure-to-be-glitch-ridden Playstation 3 game console, however, my sense of kinship with this wandering band of gypsies devolved into utter disgust. It would appear these people were spending not hours, but *days* standing in line to buy a video game system.

Yes, a *video game system*.

Now, maybe I'm starting to show my age a bit here, but I've never been all that eager or interested in playing a video game to the point of exhaustion. And I certainly wouldn't dream of camping outside of a retail store for one or several nights just to be the first in line to buy what otherwise should be viewed as nothing more than a simple diversion.

I know there are some people my age who do enjoy playing video games, but I think even the casual Playstation or X-Box user would readily admit that some things just aren't so critical as to warrant spending hours — no, make that *days* — waiting in line for them.

I guess what irks me is how cavalier and downright irresponsible said video game junkies appeared to be by

effectively thumbing their noses at school or work just to be among the “first” to get their hot, little hands on a Sony Playstation 3 console. I really have to wonder what the logical rationale — if any — was behind their decision to forgo classes or job obligations to sleep on a cement sidewalk outside of Best Buy.

“Um, like, I can't be at work today because, like, I've gotta sleep outside Best Buy to get a Sony Playstation 3 when it comes out Friday.”

“Sorry, Professor, but I'm gonna have to make up that exam because I gotta be in line for Playstation 3 the rest of this week.”

At the risk of sounding petty, I just can't fathom the *seriousness* of buying what is tantamount to an electronic toy. And knowing that those same Playstation pawnshops wouldn't for an instant give the same consideration to, say, standing in line to vote in an election or putting in an equal amount of hours doing some type of community service is both discouraging and disheartening.

With literacy levels continuing to take a nose-dive and statistics suggesting that more and more students are reading less and less, I can't help but place some of the blame on this rampant obsession with electronic gadgetry.

Now, in the spirit of full disclosure, I'm certainly all for technological advancements like computers, the Internet, CDs, DVDs, iPods, cell phones, and anything else that makes both work and play more palatable. But like everything in life, *moderation* is key. And to me there's just no logical or reasonable excuse to spend hour after hour sitting in front of a TV shooting up computer-generated zombies ... let alone *waiting* to buy a system that will allow you to do so.

But wait, there's more. I haven't even mentioned how much this Holy Grail of a game system costs. The off-the-shelf retail price for a Sony Playstation 3 system is \$600.

Now you might wonder how struggling college students who can barely afford to buy textbooks for blown-off classes ... or an employee who randomly takes days off from a typical work week can afford such a luxury?

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gratitude to the people of Rochester for understanding the need to close the library for a week in order to get the project completed. During the week, the rug was replaced, walls were painted, furniture rearranged and new shelves installed. The board hopes everyone in the community will be as proud of the project outcome as they are. If you can't attend the event on December 2, please know that this is an open-ended invitation.

For more information, please contact Trustee Chairman Deborah Briggs at 508-763-9564.

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The Machacam Club will hold its December meeting on Wednesday, December 6 at the American Legion



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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

The following log highlights are for the week of November 12 through November 18, 2006:

- Pine Hill Lane – suspicious person
- Oakdale Avenue – breaking and entering/past
- Indian Cove Road – officer wanted
- Joanne Drive – family disturbance
- Mary's Pond Road – motor vehicle complaint
- Gifford's Corner Road – animal complaint
- Oakdale Avenue – breaking and entering/past
- Holly Pond Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Delano Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Route 195 East – suspicious person
- Mill Street – civil complaint
- Mill Street – suspicious person
- Point Road – animal complaint
- Point Road – animal complaint
- County Road – breaking and entering/past
- Mary's Pond Road – assist other police department/mutual aid
- Perry Lane – assist other police department
- Point Road – animal complaint
- Front Street – suspicious activity
- Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Oakdale Avenue – suspicious motor vehicle
- Route 195 East – assist other police department
- Cottage Street – family disturbance
- Front Street – assist other police department
- Water Street – assist other police department.

MATTAPOISETT

The following log highlights are for the week of November 12 through November 18, 2006:

- County Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Church Street – disturbance
- Randall Lane – burglary/breaking and entering into building
- Fairhaven Road – disturbance
- Fairhaven Road – officer wanted
- Upland Way – suspicious persons
- Industrial Drive – burglary/breaking and entering into motor vehicle
- Church Street – motor vehicle accident
- Mendell Road – mutual aid/police
- County Road – motor vehicle accident/hit and run
- Wolf Island Road – safety/road hazard
- North Street – fire alarm
- Barstow Street – motor vehicle accident/hit and run
- Hubbard's Way – found property
- County Road – motor vehicle accident/hit and run
- County Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- County Road – suspicious persons
- Shaw Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Water Street – fire alarm
- County Road – suspicious persons
- County Road – mutual aid/police
- Brandt Island Road – fire
- Mendell Road – gas spill
- Howard Beach – disturbance
- Howard Beach – simple threats
- Depot Street – house check
- Lynfield Lane – animal control
- Tobey Lane – ambulance request
- Marion – mutual aid/police
- Fairhaven Road – traffic control
- Locust Street – general request for service
- Acushnet Road – protective order.

ROCHESTER

The following log highlights are for the week of November 14 through November 21, 2006:

- Marion Road – officer wanted
- Rounseville Road – highway matter
- Neck Road – larceny/forgery/fraud
- Gerrish Road – noise complaint
- Walnut Plain Road – motor vehicle accident
- Vaughan Hill Road – firearms violation
- Rounseville Road – suspicious activity
- Dexter Lane – civil complaint
- County Road – property found/lost/recovered
- High Street – officer wanted
- North Avenue – suspicious motor vehicle
- Gerrish Road – noise complaint
- Quaker Lane – animal control
- Rounseville Road – civil complaint
- Perry's Lane – adult arrest (speeding, failure to stop for police, negligent operation of motor vehicle, operating with suspended license, marked lanes violation, operating under the influence of liquor)
- Cushman Road – domestic disturbance
- New Bedford Road – domestic disturbance
- Vaughan Hill Road – vandalism
- Cranberry Highway – larceny/forgery/fraud
- Pierce Street – suspicious activity
- County Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Dexter Lane – civil complaint.

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The speaker this month will be Gordon T. Helme, a new member to the club who as a Navy veteran has devoted the past 15 years to assisting local veterans in obtaining the services they have earned from both the state and federal governments. Mr. Helme will report on several programs including his efforts to assist veterans in the daunting task of starting their own business ventures. Whether you are a veteran or know a veteran, this presentation (with important handouts) will prove to be of great interest and use to all.

Callers are reminded to report their lists no later than 9:00 pm on December 4 by calling 508-758-9311.

Driver Education Class

Enrollment for the next Driver Education Class at Old Rochester Regional High School is now taking place. Due to a change in state law, a student must be at least 15 years, 9 months of age on or before November 27, 2006 in order to enroll in this class. Students from ORR will be given first available seats.

Please call the Martin Auto School at 508-999-3832 for further information. The class will be scheduled to begin on Monday, November 27, 2006. The classes will be held Monday through Thursday at Old Rochester Regional High School in Room 248 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, and will run for three and one-half weeks.

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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This is a good time to let that intrepid Aries temperament take charge. Your strong leadership will help settle those still-unresolved situations. Support comes from a surprising source.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your problem-solving talents shine as you move to cool down heated emotions. You also inspire trust in all parties when you act with careful consideration of their feelings.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) That long-delayed commitment begins to look better to you. But there's still a crucial fact or two you need to know about it. A health problem needs to be taken care of.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't waste time trying to learn why someone you relied on is wavering in his or her support of your stand on a workplace issue. Move on with the help of more steadfast allies.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Relationships enter a brighter period, both at home and in the workplace. Prospects also look good for single Leos and Leonas, who can expect a welcome visit from Cupid.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Those mixed signals that were complicating your life are giving way now to clear, definitive guidelines. This makes it easier for you to weigh your options and make decisions.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Ask your partner for an explanation of what seems to be a sign of strain in your relationship. The sooner you understand the problem, the sooner you can both act to resolve it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A new challenge in the workplace holds an exciting promise for the future. But be aware of the fact that you haven't been told about all the demands you might have to meet.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your financial picture brightens as you get into sorting out realistic goals and those that are not reachable at this time. "Caution" remains your fiscal watchword.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You're deep into your new project, and that's just fine. But don't neglect your family and friends. Spending time with people you care for is always a wise investment.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Past feelings are suddenly reawakened. This could make you emotionally vulnerable. Be careful about decisions you might be asked to make at this time.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You've come to a place where you'll be facing important decisions that can affect your future. Rely on your strong moral compass to guide you toward making the right choices.

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Door Decorating Contest

A Village Door Decorating Contest will be sponsored by the Mattapoissett Woman's Club as part of the town's Holiday Village Stroll to be held on Saturday, December 2.. All villagers are encouraged to decorate their front doors for the "Holiday Village Stroll" and for the holiday season. Those wishing to participate in a contest to honor the "best" door may do so by writing to the Mattapoissett Woman's Club, P.O. Box 1444, Mattapoissett, MA 02739. Please include your name, address (including mailing address), telephone number and e-mail address. In addition there will be applications at Ship Yard Park on Saturday, December 2. Judging is expected to begin the week of December 10.

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TRI-TOWN HAPPENINGS



LEFT: Rochester Fire Chief Scott Ashworth and "Sparky the Fire Dog" recently visited the preschool at Old Rochester Regional High School. The preschoolers learned about fire safety and took turns climbing into the fire engine.

ABOVE: The Rochester School Committee recently honored Memorial School students Arissa and Deianeira Underhill with Student Achievement Awards for the humanitarian endeavors they have undertaken over the past year.

BELOW: Old Rochester Regional High School recently completed the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) accreditation evaluation process. These ORR staff members served as co-chairs of select committees: Silas Coellner, Olga Surpluss, Kathleen Brunelle, Colin Everett, Scott Griffith, William Hillier, Nancy O'Brien, Mary Cabral, Kim O'Neale-Corazzini, Teresa Dall, Mike Devoll, Sue Chlebus, Judy Johnson, Melanie Kellum, Andrea Moniz, Peter Martin, Stephanie Vanasse, Frances Guilbert, Michael Connolly, Paul Sardinha, Sheilah Sullivan, Lynn Connor and Elizabeth Forgue. Principal Bruce Clarke (far left) praised the entire ORR staff for their dedication to this extensive process.



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School Committee Meetings

The following is a schedule of School Committee meetings for December 2006:

- Monday, December 11 at 7:00 pm: Mattapoissett

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| <p>TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING THIS IS A CORRECTED LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ADVERTISED PREVIOUSLY. THE CORRECT DATE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IS SHOWN BELOW.</p> <p>The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 4, 2006 at 7:30 PM in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House to consider the Special Permit application of Robert & Eileen Zora under By-laws Section 8.9(6) to allow the use of a common driveway servicing two lots. The property is located at 559 Mill Street and is identified on Marion Assessor's Map as Plat 24, Lot 11. Joseph Napoli, Chairman Peter Winters, Co-Chairman 11/16, 11/23</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING THIS IS A CORRECTED LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ADVERTISED PREVIOUSLY. THE CORRECT DATE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IS SHOWN BELOW.</p> <p>The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 4, 2006 at 9:00 PM in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House to review and discuss draft rules and procedure for Special Permits. A copy of the draft rules and procedure are available for review at the Planning Office of the Marion Town House, Two Spring Street. Joseph Napoli, Chairman Peter Winters, Co-Chairman 11/16, 11/23</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF SELECTMEN Under the provisions of MGL Chapter 138, Section 23, a public hearing will be held on November 28, 2006 at 7:15 PM in the Selectmen's Office of the Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA for review of the renewal of liquor license for Brad's Inc. of 35 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Jordan C. Collyer, Chairman Stephen J. Lombard, Vice Chairman Raymond H. Andrews, Clerk 11/16, 11/23</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE ROAD CLOSING The owners of Old Wood Road and Harbor Acres Lane will close these private roads to public traffic on November 26, 2006. Leona C. Mansfield William E. Mansfield 11/16, 11/23</p> <hr/> | <p>DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM Notice of License Application Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 91 Waterways License Application Number WO6-1761 William Weber NOTIFICATION DATE: November 27, 2006 Public notice is hereby given of the waterways application of William Weber to repair pier, reconstruction of stringers, deck, ramp and float, in the municipality of Marion, in and over flowed tidelands of Sippican Harbor. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent. The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date." Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comments Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c). Additional information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting the Waterways Regulation Program at 508-946-2730. Project plans and documents for this application are on file with the Waterways Regulation Program for public viewing, by appointment only, at the address below. Written comments must be address to: Mitch Ziencina, Environmental Engineer, DE Waterway Regulation Program, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347 11/23</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 6, 2006 at 7:30 PM in the Town House conference room, 2 Spring Street, on a Request for a Determination of Applicability (41D-1298) submitted by THE KITTANSETT CLUB to remove large rocks in the area between the 4th and 16th fairways. The project is located at 11 Point Road and is further identified as Lot 1 on Marion Assessors' Map 1. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Norman A. Hills, Chairman 11/23</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN Request for Proposals The Marion Board of Selectmen seeks responses to thier Request for Proposals for planning and design proposals for the expansion of Littleneck Village, an elderly housing development located on Town-owned property. \$47,000 has been made available for this effort. Requests for Proposals are available at the Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street, Marion through the Clerk's or Town Administrator's office during regular business hours. Complete proposal will be accepted on or before 4:00 PM on Friday December 8, 2006. The Board of Selectmen reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Contract awards shall be made by the Board of Selectmen. Andrew N. Jeffrey, Chairman 11/23, 11/30</p> <hr/> | <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 6, 2006 at 7:40 PM in the Town House conference room, 2 Spring Street, on a Notice of Intent submitted by DOLA STEMBERG to cut or trim dead or downed trees and brush, remove Japanese Knotweed, erect a fence, and create a wetland restoration planting area. The project is located at 85 and 89 Moorings Road and is further identified as Lots 9D, 9E & 10A on Marion Assessors' Map 20. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Norman A. Hills, Chairman 11/23</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 6, 2006 at 7:20 PM in the Town House conference room, 2 Spring Street, on a Notice of Intent submitted by WASSIM M. AND ELIZABETH C. CHEDID to construct a single-family dwelling, a driveway, a septic system, a wetlands replication area, install utilities, and associated filling and grading at Lot 123 Indian Cove Road as shown on Marion Assessors' Map 18. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Norman A. Hills, Chairman 11/23</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 11 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by Barbara Roderick, 12 Waterman Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to remove existing 4' x 9' deck, Construct 8' x 20' deck. The project is located at 12 Waterman Street and is further identified as Lot 225 on Assessor map 5A. Conservation Commission 11/23</p> <hr/> <div data-bbox="1068 1520 1518 1808" style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>Place your Classifieds on-line at: www.wanderer.com Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week</p> </div> |



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The ORR Guidance Department will sponsor the Annual Financial Aid Information Night for parents of college bound seniors, on Thursday, November 30 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the ORR Auditorium. A representative from MEFA will discuss various aspects of financing a college education including the financial aid application process, searching for scholarships, understanding how aid is calculated and awarded, and other financing including payment plans and loan programs. Parents of ORR seniors should make every effort to attend this most important and informative presentation.

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SPORTS QUIZ

By Chris Richcreek

1. Name the only two major-league left-handers to win 20 or more games in a season after turning 40 years old.
2. How many times did the Atlanta Braves finish first in the National League in ERA during Leo Mazzone's 15 full seasons (1991-2005) as the team's pitching coach?
3. In 2005, Deuce McAllister became the New Orleans Saints' all-time rushing leader. Whose record did he break?
4. George Mason men's basketball team defeated which school for its first NCAA Tournament victory?
5. In the 2006 NHL Draft, Erik Johnson became the fifth American to be chosen No. 1 overall. Who was the first American to be the No. 1 overall pick?
6. When was the last time before 2006 that the World Cup men's soccer tournament had an all-European final four?
7. How old was Rocky Marciano when he beat Jersey Joe Walcott to capture the world heavyweight boxing title in 1952?

Sports Quiz Answers

1. Warren Spahn (1961, 1963) and Jamie Moyer (2003).
2. Ten times during that period.
3. George Rogers, who rushed for 4,267 yards as a Saint.
4. Michigan State in 2006.
5. Brian Lawton in 1983 by the Minnesota North Stars.
6. It was 1982 (Italy, West Germany, Poland, France).
7. Marciano was 29 years old.

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Harborside Christmas Fair

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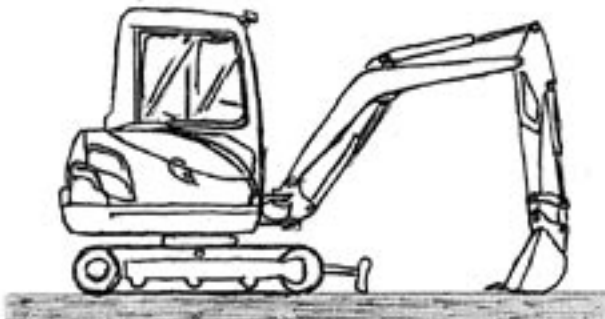
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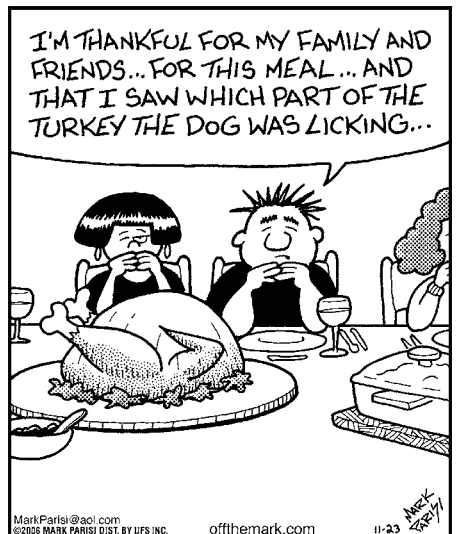
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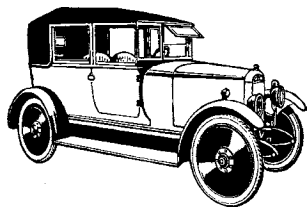
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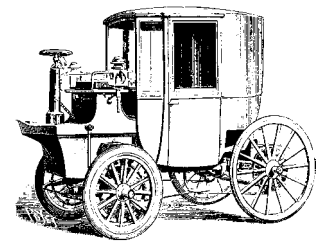
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| November 27: | Mon. | 12:11 | 12:36 | 5:18 | 6:30 |
| November 28: | Tues. | 1:09 | 1:35 | 6:37 | 7:39 |
| November 29: | Wed. | 2:08 | 2:36 | 8:17 | 8:38 |
| November 30: | Thurs. | 3:08 | 3:38 | 9:34 | 9:28 |
| December 1: | Fri. | 4:08 | 4:38 | 10:32 | 10:15 |
| December 2: | Sat. | 5:06 | 5:35 | 11:24 | 10:59 |
| December 3: | Sun. | 6:00 | 6:26 | ... | 12:01 |
| December 4: | Mon. | 6:50 | 7:16 | 12:05 | 1:04 |
| December 5: | Tues. | 7:41 | 8:05 | 12:31 | 1:52 |
| December 6: | Wed. | 8:30 | 8:55 | 1:18 | 2:38 |
| December 7: | Thurs. | 9:19 | 9:45 | 2:05 | 3:21 |
| December 8: | Fri. | 10:09 | 10:36 | 2:52 | 4:01 |
| December 9: | Sat. | 11:00 | 11:28 | 3:29 | 4:41 |
| December 10: | Sun. | 11:49 | ... | 4:28 | 5:25 |

| Phases of the Moon | First Quarter | Full Moon | Last Quarter | New Moon |
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